

Abstract of the Disclosure

A carrier sleeve (32) surrounds a post (14) that extends upwardly from a base (12). A lower platen (18) is mounted on the base (12). A horizontal support arm (16) is mounted on the upper portion of the post (14). An upper platen (20) is mounted on the support arm (16) above the lower platen (18). A work piece support (26) is mounted on the post (14) between the upper and lower platens (18, 20). The work piece support (26) is connected to the carrier sleeve (32) and is movable up and down along the post (14). A spring (36) is positioned below the carrier sleeve (32) between the carrier sleeve (32) and a portion of the base (12). In a relaxed condition, the spring (36) holds the work piece support (26) in a position that is vertically between the upper and lower platens (18, 20) when the upper platen (20) is raised. The upper platen (20) is movable downwardly into contact with the work piece support (26). After contact is made, the upper platen (20) is movable further downwardly so as to move the work piece support (26) downwardly into contact with the lower platen (18). There is a detachable connection (42, 54) between the carrier sleeve (32) and the adjacent end of the work piece support (26) enabling the work piece support (26) to be quickly attached and detached to the carrier sleeve (32).